## Takhini Bridge fire (XY-019) fully wrapped by dozer guard

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The Takhini Bridge fire (XY-019) is now fully wrapped by dozer guard. While this does not ensure containment, it gives ground crews better access to begin extinguishing hot spots on the north head of the fire and continue reinforcing guard elsewhere.

The fire remains out of control and is receiving a full response. The latest fire size estimate is 1546 hectares, but a flight will take place today to identify a new perimeter.

Fire behaviour this morning is relatively quiet, but it could pick up this afternoon with expected hot temperatures and possible gusting winds.

Although the recent rain is helpful to operations, it does not extinguish a fire. If guard continues to hold, extensive patrols will still be required to identify and extinguish hotspots.

Today, resources on the fire included:

- 32x firefighters, including a 14-person Yukon First Nations Wildfire unit crew
- 1x incident management team
- 3x wildland fire officers
- 4x pieces of heavy equipment
- 4x helicopters

Parts of the Ibex Valley are still <u>under evacuation alert</u>. The Alaska Highway remains open for public use. If you are travelling in the area, avoid stopping on the highway or any side roads near the fire so that firefighters can safely travel through the area.

Visit <a href="https://wildfires.service.yukon.ca">https://wildfires.service.yukon.ca</a> to see the locations, size and control status of all Yukon wildfires.

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